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CURE!

GRADUATE ALL MEDICAL DISEASES FROM THE SYSTEM. J. C. RICHMOND, Prop., 107 N. Main St., Decatur, Ill.

A GOOD HORSE.

From Berliner's Monthly.

"I can't explain what a real good horse is," said one of the best natured dealers in the street. "They are as different as men. In buying a horse, you must look first to his head and eyes for signs of intelligence, temper, courage and honesty. Unless a horse has brains you can't teach him anything, any more than you can a half-witted child. See that tall bay there, a fine-looking animal, fifteen hands high. You can't teach that horse anything. Why? Well, I'll show you a difference in heads, but have a care of his heels. Look at the brute's head—that rounding nose, that tapering forehead, that broad, full place below the eyes. You can't trust him? Kick? well, I guess so! Put him in a ten-acre lot, where he's got plenty of swing, and he'll kick the horn off the moon." The world's treatment of man and beast has the tendency to enlarge and intensify bad qualities, if they predominate. This good natured phenologist could not refrain from slapping in the face the horse whose character has been so cruelly delineated, while he had nothing but the gentlest caresses for a tall, docile, sleek limbed animal, that pricked her ears forward and looked intelligent enough to understand all that was being said. "That's an awful good mare," he added. "She's as true as the sun. You can see breadth and fullness between the ears and eyes. You couldn't hire that mare to act mean or hurt anybody. The eye should be full, and hazel is a good color. I like a small, thin ear, and want a horse to throw his ears well forward. Look out for the brute that wants to listen to all the conversation going on behind him. The horse that turns back his ears till they almost meet at the points, take my word for it, is sure to do something wrong. See that straight, elegant face. A horse with a dish face is cowardly, and a cowardly brute is usually vicious. Then I like a square muzzle, with large nostrils to let in plenty of air to the lungs. For the under side of the head, a good horse should be well cut under the jaw, with jaw-bones broad and wide apart under the throatle. So much for the head," he continued. "The next thing to consider is the build of the animal. Never buy a long-legged, stilly horse. Let him have a short, straight back, and a straight rump, and you've got a gentleman's horse. The withers should be high and the shoulders well set back and broad; but don't get them too deep in the chest. The fore-leg should be short. Give me a pretty straight hind leg, with the hock low down, short pastern joints, and a round, musky foot. There are all kinds of horses, but the animal that has these points is almost sure to be slightly, graceful, good natured and serviceable. As to color, taste differs. Bays, browns and chestnuts are the best. Bays are very fashionable at present. A great many grays and sorrels are brought here for shipment to Mexico and Cuba. They do well in a hot climate, under a tropical sun, for the same reason that you find light colored clothing most serviceable in summer. That crows horse behind you is what many people call a calico horse, now, I call him a genuine pickled. It is a freak of nature and may happen anywhere."

Burying a Chinese Mason.

From The Virginia City (Nev.) Enterprise.

There was a Chinese funeral in this city yesterday afternoon, the dead man having been a member of the Masonic order as it exists in China. An American brass band headed the procession, which was composed of Chinamen wearing badges and other decorations denoting their rank, and in a large hearse was seated a number of women musicians—a Chinese band. The instruments were fiddles, guitars, drums, cymbals and gongs. Behind the native band wagon was a wagon loaded with roast pig and other good things eatable and drinkable to be left at the grave. Strips of paper pierced in three places with crescent-shaped holes in rows of five were strewn by thousands along the whole route of the procession.

LIVER IS KING.

The liver is the important organ of the whole human system, as it controls the life, health and happiness of man. When it is disturbed in its proper action, all kinds of ailments are the result. The digestion of food, the movement of the heart and blood, the action of the brain and nervous system are all immediately connected with the workings of the liver. It has been successfully proved that Green's August Flower is unequalled in curing all persons afflicted with Dyspepsia or Liver Complaint, and all the numerous symptoms that result from an unhealthy condition of the liver and stomach. Sample bottles, forty, 10 cents. Positively sold in all towns of the Western Continent. Three dollars will prove that it is just what you want. Aug. 9-d&w

Pianos and Organs.—To my, what a beauty!" remarked a lady to her companion as she was passing Loeke's Music Parlor yesterday, where he was unloading one of those magnificent Cabinet Grand Upright Pianos, finished with ebony and gold. (She meant the piano, not Loeke.)

A Good Stock Farm for Sale. Inquire of J. Q. A. O'Leary. [Nov. 12-d&w]

A Splendid Bargain.—A full set of Dickens' Works, 15 Vols., cloth, illustrated, for \$12.00, at

Jan. 1-d&w J. M. Storker & Co's

DRIVEN TO MADNESS

—BY—
B. STINE,

The "Boss Clothier."



That little volcano, whose crater contains some shoddy clothing, hot of venom, and any amount of wind, has at last

BURSTED!

BUT NOBODY IS HURT.

The people of Decatur and vicinity, endorsing the policy of DECATUR'S BOSS CLOTHIER in the overthrow of shoddy and cheap clothing, are flocking to his store, and exposing that which

and the event was performed by B. STINE, showing the good people, by our past business record and the quality of our goods, that we are a first-class reputation worthy the patronage of the friends of our customers, and withstanding the HOWLING and BARKING OF OUR ENEMY COMPETITORS.

—OUR STOCK OF—

CLOTHING, FURNISHING GOODS,

HATS, CAPS,

TRUNKS, &C.,

Speaks for itself in Quality and Low Prices.

WE TAKE THE PROPERLY STYLISH, as they do not care who manufactures our goods, as long as we can sell them at a low price, and we can't get more money than any man who claims to manufacture here.

B. STINE,

The "BOSS CLOTHIER."

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DRY GOODS!

—THE—

GREAT SALE!

OF THE SEASON.

UNPRECEDENTED BARGAINS

IN

CLOAKS,

CIRCULARS,

BLANKETS,

DRESS GOODS

AND

Winter Fabrics.

—We open the season with a large stock of FINE DRESS and FASHIONABLE FASHIONABLE, ready-made, of the New York and London styles, to be had at a low price, and with all the trimmings. Look them over, and you will be satisfied. These goods are worth the price, and you will not regret buying them at these low prices.

Imported Cloaks!

All wool, plain and fancy. The very latest styles, trimmed, at \$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00, \$16.00, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$22.00, \$24.00, \$26.00, \$28.00, \$30.00, \$32.00, \$34.00, \$36.00, \$38.00, \$40.00, \$42.00, \$44.00, \$46.00, \$48.00, \$50.00, \$52.00, \$54.00, \$56.00, \$58.00, \$60.00, \$62.00, \$64.00, \$66.00, \$68.00, \$70.00, \$72.00, \$74.00, \$76.00, \$78.00, \$80.00, \$82.00, \$84.00, \$86.00, \$88.00, \$90.00, \$92.00, \$94.00, \$96.00, \$98.00, \$100.00. Blankets reduced from \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 per pair.

—BLANKETS—

—ZEPHYR JACKETS—

And HODDERS for Mice and Children's Ladies' Waists, Men's and Boys' MOUNTAIN UNDERWEAR and HOSIERY.

GREATLY REDUCED.

ALL FASHIONABLE and WINTER GOODS at your own prices.

Call early and examine at

LAMBERT & CO'S

Popular New York Store

Dec. 13-d&w

"Cheap Charley,"

ONE PRICE ONLY.

No Misrepresentation.

THE "POOR MAN'S FRIEND."

HE MUST BE A DARLING!

That envious competitor of ours, who publishes in his desperation

HIS OWN FACSIMILE

In justification of our style of advertising, OVER HIS SLANG, but for no good, his envious heart will burst before we burst, to manufacture Goods to sell for less price than he can buy for.

WE CARRY THE LARGEST STOCK.

NO MISREPRESENTATION.

To prove that OUR STOCK IS THE LARGEST OF ANY CLOTHING HOUSE, it needs but a comparison; that OUR PRICES ARE THE LOWEST IN THE TOWN, is proved by our immense and constantly improving trade; that OUR COMPETITORS GROW smaller is demonstrated by their effort of outdoing trade by misrepresentation. We do not claim to have just received 1,000 Overcoats as second stock, for this would bear the stamp of a barefaced lie on its face, but we claim that we receive every week a fresh supply of Overcoats and other Goods from

OUR FACTORY,

72 NORTH CLARK ST., CHICAGO.

WE CLAIM THAT WE MANUFACTURE OUR OWN CLOTHING out of the best material, at less cost than even the Cash Buyer could buy them for ready-made.

WE CLAIM THAT WE ARE NOT, BY FINANCIAL REASONS, bound to buy our goods of a Cincinnati House and pay exorbitant prices; but having a House in Chicago, are able to pick up such bargains which offer themselves in that clothing market, or such as are brought there from the East, and thus are competent to place our Goods on our counter in Decatur at prices which must please our customers and grieve our envious competitors.

WE CLAIM THAT IT IS A

CONTEMPTIBLE LIE!

If anybody says that WE DO NOT MANUFACTURE OUR OWN CLOTHING, or that the quality of our Goods at equal or less price is not equal to the quality of Goods from other lying storekeepers.

Many of the best dress makers of Decatur have visited OUR FACTORY and STORE ROOM, IN CHICAGO, and will bear witness to the courteous reception which they have received from the hands of our Mr. KAUFMAN, under whose eyes and supervision all our garments are manufactured.

IF YOU WANT

CLOTHING!

Hats, Caps,

Boots, Shoes,

Underwear,

Trunks, &c.,

At Manufacturers' Prices,

And be sure of getting your money's worth, without fear of misrepresentation, then call on

"CHEAP CHARLEY"

THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND.

KAUFMAN & BACHRACH.

Dec. 20-d&w

CITY DEPARTMENT.

We are authorized to announce JOHN A. HUCKLE as a candidate for City Marshal at the ensuing municipal election.

We are authorized to announce NORMAN PRINGLE as a candidate for City Marshal at the approaching city election.

The Good Templars meet to-night, as usual.

Do you turn over a new leaf, and start it down?

REDEMPTION FAMILY at the tabernacle to-night.

More new bargains daily, at J. M. Storey & Co's. dec20-dtf

REGULAR monthly meeting of the City Council this evening.

SPRINGFIELD is not as much of a luxury as it was.

EVERYBODY, look at Barber & Baker's display. dec17-dtf

Memory was about ten degrees below zero this morning at 7 o'clock.

They are getting in now twelve and fourteen inches thick.

Check the shoulders and side meat, at Nethermy's grocery, corner of Eldon and Monroe streets.

Prayer services at the First M. E. church this evening, to which all are invited.

Services at the Bethel Church each evening this week. A cordial invitation to all.

The street railway track is being cleared of ice to-day, and the cars will make regular trips to-morrow and thereafter.

First PRIZES for sale at Linn & Scruggs. [Nov 23-dtf]

Don't fail to hear the Hutchinsons on Friday evening next, at the tabernacle.

It is now the place to buy slippers at a Barber & Baker's. dec17-dtf

Notwithstanding Saturday was a very cold day, our merchants had a very fair trade.

Yours, Bess, are well fixed for the holiday trade. Call and see. Dec. 19-dtf

White and colored Alexander one-socket Kid Gloves, will be closed out at the pair, by Linn & Scruggs. Jan. 5-dtf

Remember the large stock of Oranges at C. B. Prescott is selling so cheap. Nov. 25-dtf

The reopening of the city schools to-day made a stir among the juveniles, and will furnish a little business for the book stores. For the next five months the children have a steady pull at their books.

A number of workmen are engaged in cutting away the ice along the line of the street railway, and as soon as the obstacles are cleared away the cars will be running again as usual.

Mrs. A. B. Broad delivery wagon runs to all parts of the city, and there is always a full supply of choice bread and pastry at the bakery and restaurant, at the south-east corner of the old square.

Members of the Young Ladies' Reform Club Monday afternoon at half-past four o'clock, and a full attendance is desired, as business of importance will be before the club.

Don't forget that the celebrated Hutchinson Family (trio of Asa) will sing at the tabernacle on Friday evening of this week. Admission only 25 cents. Let there be a grand rally to hear the Hutchinsons.

For the first time since Wednesday last the ice showed signs of melting on the sidewalk to-day, but only where the sun had a fair chance and the cold west wind was shut off.

The grand jury reconvened to-day at 1 o'clock. Several persons have been arrested for sundry crimes during the recess taken by the jury, whose cases will come before them on their reassembling, and it is not improbable that several days may be occupied by their deliberations.

SEVERAL of our people will go to Springfield this week, to be lookers on at the opening of the legislature, which takes place on Wednesday. As is usual, there will be no lack of candidates for the several places to be filled by the house and senate. Those gentlemen will all be on hand at an early day looking after their respective interests.

The editor of the *Marion News*, of this week, gives an account of a sumptuous New Year's dinner, to which he and a few others were treated at the hospitable home of C. F. Emery, Esq., in Marion, in which he pays a high compliment to both the family and the dinner. We will guarantee that the compliments are not overdrawn. Major Emery never does such things at the dinner.

AN old young married man gave himself dead away the other night. It was snowing hard and he got home between midnight and day. Using his umbrella for a billiard cue, he punched his wife, who was fast asleep, in the short ribs, and shouted "Poof!" His explanation to her was that women have no idea how the cars of business will sometimes affect a man's brains. There was an awkward confusion between the couple that morning.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—The regular weekly convention of the Good Templars takes place this evening at the lodge room in court house block.

THE CITY MARSHALSHIP.—Under the head of announcements will be found the name of Norman Pringle as a candidate for City Marshal at the municipal election to be held in March next. Mr. Pringle has already served the city as marshal during one term, in which he proved himself an efficient officer, and should be again placed in the same position the experience of the past would count to his help, rendering it even more effective than before.

EARTH TO EARTH.

Funeral of Clara V. Parke

The funeral of Clara V. Parke took place from the residence of his parents yesterday afternoon, and was attended by a large concourse of people. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Goodwin, assisted by Rev. W. H. Prestley. The former delivered a brief but appropriate discourse, after which the remains were tenderly borne to Greenwood cemetery for interment in the family burial lot. The pall bearers, Cyrus F. Handolph, Harry Ehrman, W. E. Henkle, W. B. Fearn, Ed. Priest, Wilson Bering, Sherry Tupper and Frank Wells, were all associates and schoolmates of the deceased young man.

Clara V. Parke was a young man of very great promise, and a remarkable youth in many respects. He seemed from his earliest youth to be more like a man than a boy, exhibiting in all his actions and habits a degree of thoughtfulness and maturity of judgment far in advance of his years. The frequent and prolonged absences of his father, whose business called him so often from home, made Clara the head of the family, and in that capacity he exhibited the same manly qualities which distinguished him in all the relations of life. To his mother he was more than a son—he was her adviser and counselor, though tender, kind and affectionate always. A little over a year ago he conceived the idea of going into business on his own account, as a job printer. He purchased a small press and an outfit of type, together with the necessary stock of paper, cards, etc., and set up business. He canvassed for orders, and in a short time had all the work he could attend to. Here he displayed the same rare virtues which seemed to be a part of his individuality. Order, precision, good taste, punctuality—these were his salient points, as a printer and business man, for he was a man, though seventeen summers had not yet passed over his head when he was called away. His office was a model of neatness and convenience, and his account book (which the writer has seen) was kept with an accuracy and correctness of detail that would have done no discredit to an educated accountant. His work in this line, it should be remembered, was all done outside of school hours, his studies in the high school being kept up at the same time. When we come to consider how much he accomplished, how well he did everything which he undertook, and at the same time how young he was, it will not be questioned that he was really a remarkable young man. The early death of a youth of so much promise is an event that cannot but call forth expressions of poignant sorrow, not only from those connected with him by ties of kinship, but from strangers as well, who knew and loved him for his qualities alone. There are too few such as Clara Parke, and in his demise the community—as well as his immediate family—has suffered a loss which cannot well be made good.

INCIDENT FIRE AT WHEELAND.—Yesterday morning about 9 o'clock an alarm of fire at Wheeland caused unusual activity among the people of the village. The cause of the alarm was an incipient fire in the dwelling of Dr. Joseph Leslie, which originated in the upper part of the house by some clothing taking fire, which hung too near a drum which was connected with the heating stove below. By the active exertions of the citizens, with ladders and buckets, the house and contents were saved from destruction. The upper part of the house is damaged considerably, but the doctor is very grateful that it is no worse. To be burned out of home such a day as yesterday would not be a very desirable state of affairs.

FIRE IN THE PRISON.—Amidst the excitements of the holiday season we neglected to make editorial mention of the formal announcement of John A. Brockway as a candidate for city marshal. Mr. Brockway's long experience as a member of the police force has made him entirely conversant with the requirements of the marshal's office, and fitted him peculiarly for the discharge of its duties. If elected he will doubtless make an efficient and watchful officer.

CHANCE OF TEACHERS.—Mrs. McMurray, who succeeded Miss Burham, as teacher in the third ward, resigned her place at the close of the term, and her place has been filled by the board of education with Miss May Okey, of Arlington, Ill. Miss Okey has had four years successful experience as a teacher in the Princeton high school in this state, and comes to Decatur with the best of recommendations.

THIEF ARRESTED.—The man Alonzo Austin, who recently stole an overcoat and some other articles from the residence of Mr. Kayle, who lives west of town, was arrested on Saturday at Berlin, this state, and was brought here last night and lodged in jail. This will be another case to come before the grand jury.

EXQUISITE ODORS.—The Unique Perfumes made by Dr. Price are the favorite perfumes for the bride and the toilet. His Floral Riches surpasses in rich, fresh, flowery fragrance, any other Cologne or Toilet Water. Dr. Price's Pet Rose, Meadow Flowers, and other odors are exquisite.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—There will be religious services at the U. B. Church each evening this week, to which all are invited.

NEW FURNITURE STORE.—Edward Hutton has opened a stock of furniture in the old Revue House Block, consisting of beds, chairs, bureaus, chamber sets, tables, and a general assortment of furniture; also, linens of all kinds. Prices to suit the times. Call and look at the stock.

Don't forget the Hyer Sisters on Thursday night, Jan. 10th, at the opera house.

SMITH'S SAD DEATH.

"Suicide" of a Former Well-known Citizen of Decatur.

The Chicago Times of Saturday contained the following special telegram, which briefly tells the story of a former citizen's sad death:

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 3.—W. W. R. Smith, a carriage painter, residing at Wyandotte, across the Kaw river, returned to his home last night, stupefied by liquor. He was taken sick and a physician was called, who sent for twenty-five cents worth of laudanum and administered a teaspoonful. Smith, a short time after, and when his wife was absent, swallowed the contents of the bottle. He was conveyed to bed and his wife found him a corpse in the morning.

W. W. R. Smith was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1847, and was therefore 32 years of age. His father and mother have been dead many years. Two sons of deceased reside on North Water street, in this city—the widows Mrs. Daniel Guhman and Mrs. Henry Guhman. M. Y. Givler, the undertaker, is step-father of deceased. He has a married sister living in Pennsylvania, whom he visited last spring previous to his departure for the west.

Deceased previous to last June was land excursion agent in this city for the Kansas Pacific Railway Company, and had an office with B. I. Sterrett, over Armstrong's drug store, and was subsequently associated with Thos. Poniewell as land excursion agent, whose office was in the same room on Prairie street now occupied by Thos. J. Mulcahy, the tailor. In the fall of 1877 Smith had one of his legs broken under rather mysterious circumstances, which laid him up for about two months, when he instituted legal proceedings against one of our former citizens to recover damages. The case was compromised in some manner, and the matter was suddenly dropped. In the spring of 1878 Smith lost the agency of the company which he represented, and in June, in company with the wife of a citizen of this place, he left for the west, stopping at Wyandotte, Kansas, where he soon secured employment as a carriage painter, and at which place he continued to reside up to the time of his sudden and mysterious death.

During his sojourn here deceased was at times a young man of good reputation, but his dissipated habits led him on from bad to worse, with the above lamentable result.

TABERNACLE TEMPERANCE.

There were about 250 people out at the temperance meeting at the tabernacle Saturday night, which may be considered a pretty good turnout, considering the extreme cold weather.

D. L. Bunn conducted the meeting and Father Hunsley led in prayer. Much disappointment was expressed on account of the absence of the speaker of the evening, E. P. Vail, Esq., but as he was unavoidably detained elsewhere, the audience was invited to call upon any one present to speak. Hon. A. B. Bunn was called out, who spoke at considerable length in his usual earnest and convincing manner, eliciting much applause. He wanted Decatur like Monticello, Mr. Pa-laski and Taylorville, without a licensed saloon—and urged the temperance people to push forward in the noble work of reformation, and victory would surely come.

At this juncture the Italian Band entered the room, and on invitation came forward, and played an accompaniment while the audience joined in singing the "Sweet By and By." Then followed the "Mocking Bird," which the band plays so beautifully, and of which our people never tire.

The meeting closed with a speech from D. L. Bunn, Esq., who incidentally alluded to the deaths of Jack Hardy and W. W. R. Smith, ascribing their untimely end, in a measure, to the demon, drink.

Five young men signed the pledge, and the audience was dismissed with the benediction.

MASON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1878.

MONDAY, JAN 6.

Court convened at 9 o'clock, and disposed of cases as follows:

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

Win. S. Dunham vs. the Illinois Midland Railway Co. Motion for a new trial withdrawn. Judgment on the verdict for \$3,755.04.

Samuel Camp vs. Sarah A. Hoagland et al., assumpsit. Dismissed for want of prosecution.

Henry Monz vs. William S. Mortland et al., ejectment. Continued.

Joseph T. Stearns vs. Nelson Smith et al., debt. Dismissed at costs of defendant.

Gilbert Howell vs. the Decatur Gaslight & Coke Co.; case. Dismissed as per agreement on file.

James Keefe vs. Henry W. Waggoner, appellant—five cases. Motion for rule to return overruled.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock P. M.

One day last week Mr. C. F. Emery, banker at Marion, received from Oregon three thousand dollars in gold by express; the individual transmitting it finding that he could send it by express at less cost than to pay exchange on New York.

What has become of that foot-race between Charles Winebrenner and Harvey Downing, announced to have come off in December last?

An old gentleman, aged 84, and his sleeping bride, aged 80, got aboard the Midland train to-day and took a seat farthest from the stove. Ben Dodson, who slipped in and took a seat beside them, overheard them say: Gentleman—"Who's a little lamb?" chattering her under the chin. Bride—"Boys of us, ducky; now stop."

Wanted—Immediately, two good dress makers, at Miss Maggie Walsh's. Jan. 15-dtf

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Good Attendance at the Churches Yesterday—The Sunday Schools.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

At this church there were large congregations both morning and evening, and the pastor, Rev. Dr. Goodwin, delivered two deeply interesting and powerful exhortations. The revival meetings will continue through the week.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The pulpit of the Christian church was supplied yesterday by Elder N. S. Hayes, the late pastor. The congregation was glad to see him at his old post again.

STAFF'S CHAPEL.

Rev. S. MacBride officiated yesterday at the usual hours; the congregation in the evening was quite large, and the pastor discussed eloquently on "Your imperative business." The Sunday School session was one of much interest under the leadership of Mr. D. S. Shellabarger.

Y. M. C. A.

There was a full and interesting meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms yesterday afternoon, led by I. J. Davis. Prayer meeting every day this week.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following are the officers of the Baptist Sunday School for the year 1878: Superintendent, E. A. Gastman; Assistant, Mr. Beamer; Secretary, Geo. T. Tucker; Treasurer and Chronister, Henry A. Wood; Librarian and Assistant, Justus Lukens and Will Carter; Organist, Addie Adams.

At the First M. E. Sunday School, yesterday, A. Litsinger led the exercises in the absence of Mr. Bright, and appointed Milton Johnson, W. C. Outen and I. Davis to draft resolutions in memorial of Clara V. Park, deceased, to be presented to the school next Sabbath. Deceased was Assistant Librarian of the school, and the library was draped in mourning. No books were received or distributed. Aid. S. Overmire conducted the blackboard exercises. Among the faithful teachers in their accustomed places we noticed J. R. Gorin, W. R. Shull, A. M. Werner, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Shull, Homer Montgomery, Mr. Linn, Mrs. Sargeant and Mrs. J. E. Kinney.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Will Wise left for Marion to-day, where he has a clerkship with M. Grady, grocer. Frank Heall left Saturday for Kansas, where he will engage at once in the milling business.

Senator Malden Jones, of Tuscola, arrived in the city at noon over the L. D. & N., and left this afternoon for Springfield. State Senator W. T. Moffett, of Blue Mound, "our member," was in the city to-day, and took his departure for Springfield this afternoon.

F. H. B. McDowell, editor of the Carroll County Gazette, gave us a call to-day, as did also J. E. L. Shannon, of Freeport, Illinois.

Thos. John D. Gillett and wife, of Elkhart, who were in the city over Sunday visiting Mrs. Senator Oglesby, departed for home on the P., L. & D. at noon.

Mr. Geo. P. Blume, the Singer Sewing Machine agent, has gone to Cincinnati and Dayton for a week's vacation. George is accompanied by his little daughter, Grace.

Peter H. Bruck, the dashing clerk and linguist at Linn & Scruggs, took the early train for St. Louis this morning. He will return in the sweet pretty soon.

John H. Ulrich, son of the wholesale grocer, who has been spending the holidays at home, will leave to-night for Yale College, where he will continue his studies.

Prof. E. A. Gastman, our worthy superintendent of public schools, had his presence of mind about him (as well as a big comforter) yesterday when he ordered the janitors to make roving fires in the different school buildings, that they might be warm and comfortable for teachers and children to-day.

Joseph McCrary and family, who left here last February for Pawnee county, Kansas, returned Saturday night on the 10:40 train from St. Louis. Joe is too much attached to Illinois, and will, if nothing happens, remain among us until called to that place where grasshoppers, winter's snow and summer's heat are unknown.

Senator R. J. Oglesby left on the 8:40 train this afternoon for Springfield, and will take a suite of rooms at the Leland Hotel, across the hall from John A. Logan's headquarters. He will go into the Republican campaign, and leaves confident of being returned to the United States Senate, as he is right ought to be. The best wishes of our citizens go with him.

Query:—Why will men smoke common tobacco, when they can buy Marlburg Bros. "Leaf of North Carolina" at the same price? [Jan 17-8-dtf]

Choice Bulk Oysters just received at Gephart's, 50 cents per quart. Will be kept on hand all the time. Nov 24-dtf

Query:—Why will you smoke a poor 5-cent cigar when you can get "Kepler's Queen," warranted 18 cents fine, for the same money? [April 11-dtf]

Barney & Berry's Club Skates, at H. Mueller & Co's gun store, East Main st. Dec 19-dtf

Skated Skates 11—Buy Barney & Berry's, the only first-class skate in the market, for sale at H. Mueller & Co's gun store, East Main street. [dec18-dtf]

Turkeys, Oysters, Oranges, Lemons, Nuts, Grapes, Buckwheat Flour, Maple Syrup, and everything in the grocery line, at Young Bros. Dec. 19-dtf

The Patent Corset Comforts—Bor-tree's Adjustable, Foy's Supporter, Moody's Abdominal, Gove's Fitting, Hundred Bones, together with the best and cheapest French Corsets in the city, at Jan. 25-dtf Linn & Scruggs.

1000 Bushels of Corn Wanted by Linn & Scruggs, for which they will pay two cents a bushel more than the highest market price in merchandise, at lowest cash prices, the corn to be delivered at D. S. Shellabarger & Co's mill. Jan. 1—dwtf

Fine Eern Muslin for ladies' underwear, at Linn & Scruggs. Nov. 27-dwtf

It will pay you to look at Barber & Baker's stock of Boots and Shoes before purchasing. Sep121-dwtf

Great Bargains in Camel's Hair Cloaks at Linn & Scruggs. [dec8-dwtf]

Barney & Berry's Ice King and Key-less Skates—no heel plates, no keys, no straps—can be put on in a second. For sale at H. Mueller & Co's gun store, East Main street. dec18-dtf

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In wood, metal, glass, china, and composition.

DOLLS!

All sizes—china and wax; A Job lot of large WAX DOLLS, at half price;

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CRADLES, BEDSTEADS, Girls' ROCKERS, BOYS' ROCKING HORSES; WORK BASKETS, CARD BASKETS, and BASKETS for almost all uses;

SKATES!

Children's KNIVES and FORKS; Elegant Bronze TABLE LAMPS, half price; And hundreds of other ornamental and useful articles that for want of space in the columns of this paper I cannot mention.

ONE WORD MORE—I am determined to reduce my Immense Stock of Goods, and will sell without regard to profit. You can have bargains by buying of

R. LIDDLE, Court House Block. Dec. 16—dwtf

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

WHEREAS, Henry Birkett and Grace E. Birkett, wife of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, by their certain trust deed bearing date the Eighteenth day of March, A. D. 1876, recorded in the Recorder's office of said Macon county, in book No. 14,717, on page one hundred and thirty, did cause to be sold to William T. Custer, as trustee, the following described real estate situated in the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, to-wit: The north half (out of the north half) of the west half (out of lot No. 11, in block No. three (3), in the original town of Decatur, to secure the payment of one certain promissory note for the principal sum of one thousand dollars; and not bearing date the Eighteenth day of March, A. D. 1876, and being executed by the said Henry Birkett and one Wilbur C. Hildard, late partners doing business in the firm name and style of Birkett & Hildard, by their firm name of Birkett & Hildard, to John C. Timoney and Joseph Schluenger, or either, in their firm name of John C. Timoney & Co.; said firm residing and doing business in the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri; And whereas, it is provided in and by said trust deed, that in case default be made in the payment of any part of said principal sum mentioned in said note, or if default be made in the payment of any interest thereon on the date when such interest shall fall due, then on application of the legal holder of said note it should be lawful for the said trustee to sell and dispose of said described real estate at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the west door of the Court House, of the said county of Macon, in the city of Decatur, in the State of Illinois, and out of the proceeds of such sale, after paying all costs incurred, to pay the amount due upon said note of principal and interest according to its tenor and effect; and whereas, the said principal note became and was due on the Twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1876, and now remains due and unpaid; and whereas, said note and interest, in and by said trust deed, are duly executing and recording of the said trust deed, and assigned all their right, title and interest in the said described real estate to one Skeleton Birkett; And whereas, John C. Timoney & Co., the legal holders of said note, have made application to the undersigned and requested him to sell said real estate under the power of sale contained in said trust deed; Now therefore, public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the authority conferred on me by said trust deed, I the undersigned will, on

Tuesday, the Eleventh day of February, A. D. 1878, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the west door of the Court House, of the said county of Macon, in the city of Decatur and State of Illinois, sell and dispose of the above described real estate and equity of redemption of the said Henry Birkett and Grace E. Birkett their heirs and assigns therein, at public auction for cash to the highest and best bidder therefor.

WM. T. CUSTER, Trustee.

Jan. 4, 1878—dtd

Great Reduction IN PRICES FOR ENTIRE WINTER SEASON, —TO BEGIN— T-O-D-A-Y, Dec. the 5th, 1878, —IN— DRESS GOODS, SHAWLS, CLOAKS, FURS, FLANNELS, BLANKETS, JEANS, TOWELINGS, LINENS, CASSIMERES, COTTON FLANNELS, CALICOES, BLEACHED COTTONS, BROWN COTTONS, GINGHAMS, GRAIN BAGS, CORSETS, UNDERWEAR, All at Lower Prices than you can buy Shoddy Goods that have been hawked around the country, because they could not sell them at home.

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